

I claim:

- 1 1. A method for technology exchange and collaboration comprising:  
2 storing a first profile associated with a first member, a second profile associated with a  
3 second member, and a project profile associated with the first member;  
4 comparing the first profile and the second profile to identify at least one common  
5 characteristic; and  
6 permitting an exchange between the first member and the second member if the comparison  
7 identifies said at least one common characteristic.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first profile and the second profile include a description  
2 segment and a search segment.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the description segment includes at least one public  
2 characteristic and at least one private characteristic.
- 1 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the search segment includes at least one required element  
2 and at least one optional element.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the first profile and the second profile include at least one  
2 characteristic, and wherein comparing the first profile and the second profile further comprises:  
3 considering a degree of importance associated with each characteristic.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the first profile and the second profile further

2 comprises:

3 displaying a member profile list that includes the first profile and the second profile.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the first profile and the second profile further  
2 comprises:

3 displaying a project profile list that includes the project profile.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the exchange involves an intellectual property asset.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the first member and the second member accede to the  
2 exchange.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the first member and the second member accede to a  
2 standardized non-disclosure agreement.

1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein permitting the exchange further comprises:  
2 monitoring the exchange.

1 12. The method of claim 1, wherein permitting the exchange further comprises:  
2 automating the exchange.

1 13. The method of claim 1, wherein the exchange includes the first member and the second  
2 member acceding to a standardized due diligence agreement.

1 14. The method of claim 1, wherein the exchange includes the first member and the second  
2 member acceding to a standardized right of first refusal agreement.

1 15. The method of claim 1, wherein the exchange includes the first member and the second  
2 member acceding to a standardized letter of intent.

1 16. The method of claim 1, wherein the exchange includes the first member and the second  
2 member negotiating the terms of a transaction.

1 17. The method of claim 1, wherein permitting the exchange further comprises:  
2 certifying the exchange.

1 18. The method of claim 1, wherein the exchange is conducted in a secure storage area within  
2 the system that only the first entity and the second entity can access.

1 19. The method of claim 1, wherein the exchange is conducted in a storage area outside the  
2 system and a secure link encrypts data communications between the first entity, the second entity,  
3 and the system.

1 20. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 creating an account for a member of the system.

1 21. The method of claim 20, wherein creating the account further comprises:  
2 verifying whether a potential member satisfies at least one criterion.

1 22. A computer device facilitating technology exchange and collaboration comprising:  
2 a memory device; and  
3 a processor disposed in communication with the memory device, the processor configured  
4 to:  
5 store a first profile associated with a first member, a second profile associated with a  
6 second member, and a project profile associated with the first member;  
7 compare the first profile and the second profile to identify at least one common  
8 characteristic; and  
9 permit an exchange between the first member and the second member if the  
10 comparison identifies said at least one common characteristic.

1 23. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the first profile and the second profile include a  
2 description segment and a search segment.

1 24. The computer device of claim 23, wherein the description segment includes at least one  
2 public characteristic and at least one private characteristic.

1 25. The computer device of claim 23, wherein the search segment includes at least one required  
2 element and at least one optional element.

1 26. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the first profile and the second profile include at  
2 least one characteristic, and wherein the processor is further configured to:  
3 consider a degree of importance associated with each characteristic.

1 27. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the processor is further configured to:  
2 display a member profile list that includes the first profile and the second profile.

1 28. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the processor is further configured to:  
2 display a project profile list that includes the project profile.

1 29. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the exchange involves an intellectual property  
2 asset.

1 30. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the first member and the second member accede  
2 to the exchange.

1 31. The computer device of claim 30, wherein the first member and the second member accede  
2 to a standardized non-disclosure agreement.

1 32. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the processor is further configured to:  
2 monitor the exchange.

1 33. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the processor is further configured to:

2 automate the exchange.

1 34. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the exchange includes the first member and the  
2 second member acceding to a standardized due diligence agreement.

1 35. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the exchange includes the first member and the  
2 second member acceding to a standardized right of first refusal agreement.

1 36. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the exchange includes the first member and the  
2 second member acceding to a standardized letter of intent.

1 37. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the exchange includes the first member and the  
2 second member negotiating the terms of a transaction.

1 38. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the processor is further configured to:  
2 certify the exchange.

1 39. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the exchange is conducted in a secure storage  
2 area within the system that only the first entity and the second entity can access.

1 40. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the exchange is conducted in a storage area  
2 outside the system and a secure link encrypts data communications between the first entity, the  
3 second entity, and the system.

1 41. The computer device of claim 22, wherein the processor is further configured to:  
2 create an account for a member of the system.

1 42. The computer device of claim 41, wherein the processor is further configured to:  
2 verify whether a potential member satisfies at least one criterion.

1 43. A computer readable medium comprising:  
2 code for storing a first profile associated with a first member, a second profile associated  
3 with a second member, and a project profile associated with the first member;  
4 code for comparing the first profile and the second profile to identify at least one common  
5 characteristic; and  
6 code for permitting an exchange between the first member and the second member if the  
7 comparison identifies said at least one common characteristic.

1 44. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the first profile and the second profile  
2 include a description segment and a search segment.

1 45. The computer readable medium of claim 44, wherein the description segment includes at  
2 least one public characteristic and at least one private characteristic.

1 46. The computer readable medium of claim 44, wherein the search segment includes at least  
2 one required element and at least one optional element.

1 47. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the first profile and the second profile  
2 include at least one characteristic, and wherein the code for comparing the first profile and the  
3 second profile further comprises:  
4 code for considering a degree of importance associated with each characteristic.

1 48. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the code for comparing the first profile  
2 and the second profile further comprises:  
3 code for displaying a member profile list that includes the first profile and the second  
4 profile.

1 49. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the code for comparing the first profile  
2 and the second profile further comprises:  
3 code for displaying a project profile list that includes the project profile.

1 50. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the exchange involves an intellectual  
2 property asset.

1 51. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the first member and the second  
2 member accede to the exchange.

1 52. The computer readable medium of claim 51, wherein the first member and the second  
2 member accede to a standardized non-disclosure agreement.



1 53. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the code for permitting the exchange  
2 further comprises:  
3 code for monitoring the exchange.

1 54. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the code for permitting the exchange  
2 further comprises:  
3 code for automating the exchange.

1 55. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the exchange includes the first  
2 member and the second member acceding to a standardized due diligence agreement.

1 56. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the exchange includes the first  
2 member and the second member acceding to a standardized right of first refusal agreement.

1 57. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the exchange includes the first  
2 member and the second member acceding to a standardized letter of intent.

1 58. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the exchange includes the first  
2 member and the second member negotiating the terms of a transaction.

1 59. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the code for permitting the exchange  
2 further comprises:

3 code for certifying the exchange.

1 60. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the exchange is conducted in a secure  
2 storage area within the system that only the first entity and the second entity can access.

1 61. The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the exchange is conducted in a storage  
2 area outside the system and a secure link encrypts data communications between the first entity, the  
3 second entity, and the system.

1 62. The computer readable medium of claim 43, further comprising:  
2 code for creating an account for a member of the system.

1 63. The computer readable medium of claim 62, wherein the code for creating an account  
2 further comprises:

3 code for verifying if a potential member satisfies at least one criterion.